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'Great Places' show features local artist

"Great Places," an exhibit of paintings by Decorah area artist Carl Homstad, will be on display in Luther College Preus Library through Sept. 28.

Luther will host a reception for the artist Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 3-5 p.m., in the Hovde Lounge of Preus Library. The exhibit and the reception are open to the public with no charge for admission.

The 21 oils and watercolors in the "Great Places" exhibit represent scenes from Homstad's travels to China and various places throughout the United States.

Homstad has been an artist for more than 30 years. He is known for his naturalistic landscapes that depict universal themes of people in nature. His work includes color woodcut prints, oil paintings, watercolors and murals.

Although many of his ideas come from the area around his home and studio in Northeast Iowa he has traveled extensively looking for ideas, including a 14-day trip through the Grand Canyon and a trip to China.

In his artist's statement concerning his "Great Places" exhibit, Homstad states, "Travel has been an important part of my life. It is a way of getting a fresh perspective, a change of scene.

More information about Homstad is available from his website: www.carlart.com